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In the Specification:

The paragraph which spans pages 7 and 8 (currently amended).

The alternative tailgate panel 38 is suitably hinged (along the upper edges when the tailgate 12 is in the closed position and along the upper surfaces when the alternative tailgate panel 38 is in the open position as illustrated in FIG. 1) by a pair of suitable spaced hinges, illustrated at 50, to the plate 36 to allow the panel 38 to rotate or pivot relative to plate 36 through 180 degrees from its position in FIG. 2 horizontal and overlying the plate 36 to its position in FIG. 1 wherein it is horizontal but lying edge-to-edge with plate 36 so as to extend rearwardly therefrom. This allows the alternative tailgate 38 to desirably be deployed in the open position, illustrated in FIG. 1, for loading and unloading as well as in the closed position illustrated in FIG. 3 and also allows it to be folded over onto the plate 36 and side panels 40, as illustrated in FIG. 2, for storage of the assembly against the inner surface 24 of the tailgate 12 when not needed. The hinge members 52 and 54 are suitably welded and/or riveted or otherwise suitably attached to the plate 36 and panel 38 respectively. As seen in FIG. 2, the hinges 50 connect the plate 36 to the panel 38 along their edges 43 and 45 respectively. As also seen in FIG. 3, the length 47 of edge 43 is substantially equal to the length 49 of edge 45.